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TO CHARGE FROM COUNTRY DIRECTOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMGT, PFOR, ES

SUBJECT:PARM-77: COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S GUIDANCE

1. WE PERCEIVE LITTLE CHANGE IN THE PREVAILING ASSESSMENT  
OF LAST YEAR THAT THE U.S. HAS ONLY LIMITED OVERALL  
INTERESTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, MADE A  
SP IAL EFFORT OVER THE PAST YEAR TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON  
CENTRAL AMERICA AND ARTICULATE THOSE INTERESTS WE DO HAVE  
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IN A MORE COHERENT FORM. WE HOPE THAT THE VARIOUS INPUTS  
AND INTERCHANGES GENERATED THUS FAR WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU  
AS THE CURRENT PARM CYCLE DEVELOPS.

2. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT FORMULATIONS OF SPECIFIC LOCAL  
PRIORITIES SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FRAME-  
WORK FOR CENTRAL AMERICA. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE BELIEVE OUR

OVERALL INTERESTS IN EL SALVADOR ARE ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THOSE DELINEATED IN LAST YEAR'S CASP. HOWEVER, THE CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY CHARACTERIZED THE BILATERAL APPROACH TO MUTUAL CONCERNS IS BEING CRITICALLY STRAINED AT PRESENT. THE POSSIBLE COINCIDENCE OF TENSION IN DISPARATE AREAS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS MAY SOON REQUIRE FUNDAMENTAL REASSESSMENT OF THE TENOR, AND NATURE,

OF U.S. INTERESTS IN EL SALVADOR.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES HAVE BECOME THE SALIENT FACTOR IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR. WHAT ARE THE PROXIMATE AND LONG-RANGE PROSPECTS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS? (WHAT ATMOSPHERE IS BEING CREATED BY RECENT EVENTS: POST-ELECTORAL DISTURBANCES, POMA KIDNAPPING, CLERGY MURDERS AND EXPULSIONS, ETC.? WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE STATE OF SIEGE? WHAT ARE THE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF INSTABILITY AND THE PROBABLE GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO COMBAT IT?) WHAT TYPE OF USG ACTIONS MIGHT BE MOST EFFECTIVE FOR EVOKING POSITIVE GOES RESPONSES TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS?

4. THE BASIC SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF EL SALVADOR INTRINSICALLY AFFECTS THE POLITICAL, THEREBY HUMAN RIGHTS, CLIMATE. WHAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF US AID PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EL SALVADOR? HOW DO YOU ENVISAGE FUTURE GOES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS? WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR ISTA? WHAT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PROBABLE FUTURE CLIMATE FOR AMERICAN INVESTORS? WHAT ARE THE DIMENSIONS AND RAMIFICATIONS OF CAPITAL FLIGHT? HOW WILL GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT ALTER THE SALVADORAN ECONOMY?

5. GIVEN THE FACT THAT AMONG OUR LIMITED INTERESTS IS A DESIRE TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF SITUATIONS WHICH THREATEN THE STABILITY OF THE SUBREGION, HOW DO PROSPECTS FOR A SOLUTION OF THE HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR BORDER DISPUTE APPEAR TO BE SHAPING UP? IS OUR ROLE IN THE DISPUTE IN NEED OF CHANGE? WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDE IF THE NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSE?

6. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A PLEA FOR BREVITY. YOUR WASHINGTON READERSHIP IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO FOCUS ON A STREAMLINED, COMPACT DOCUMENT.  
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